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Peter Hartman, Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 3050 Lake Harbor Lane, Suite 126 Boise, Idaho 83703-6217 Richard F. Krochalis, Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration Federal Building, Suite 3142 915 Second Avenue Seattle, Washington 98171

Attn: Scott Frey Attn: Ned Conroy

SUBJECT: FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment # 16, to

add and advance projects using fund savings made available under the American Recovery

and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

Dear Mr. Hartman and Mr. Krochalis:

On March 3, 2009, the Idaho Transportation Board approved the addition of state highway and local highway system projects to FY09 of the approved STIP using ARRA funds. These projects have been let and \$32M in savings will allow the department to fund additional projects.

On August 21, 2009, the Idaho Transportation Board approved the addition of three new projects to the FY09 STIP using these fund savings as well as three projects to be advanced from FY12 to FY09. These projects are:

- KN 11976, West of Coeur d'Alene Bridge Rehabs, for \$6M and is a new project to be added to the FY09 STIP. This project will reconstruct/repair the Coeur d'Alene Bridge and its approaches.
- KN 08955, Black Canyon to Sand Hallow, for \$4.5M and is a new project to the STIP and is being moved from Near Horizons to FY09. This project will be a restoration/rehab project.
- KN 07806, Devil Cr. To Downey, NB, Phase 1, for \$4.8M and is a new project to the STIP and is being moved from Mid Horizons to FY09. This project will be a reconstruction/realignment project.
- KN 08072, Grangeville to End of Concrete Highway, for \$5.5M and is being advanced from FY12 to FY09. This project will be a restoration/rehab project.
- KN 11558, S. of Flat Creek to SH-6, Latah County, for \$9.2M and is being advanced from FY12 to FY09. This project will be a restoration/rehab project.

• **KN11673, Idaho Falls, to Osgood, NBL**, \$2.0M and is being advanced from FY12 to FY09. This project will be a restoration/rehab project.

None of these projects are included with a metropolitan planning organization and do not need to be added to an appropriate Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Each of the projects qualifies for exempt/grouped status under 23 CFR, Part 450.216 (j), and no further public involvement is required. Furthermore, there are no air quality implications for these actions and no air quality conformity is required. The Idaho Transportation Department certifies that the above project action was in accordance with all applicable requirements as described in Section 450.218 of the Statewide Planning Regulations, dated February 14, 2007. The STIP continues to be consistent with the Statewide Transportation Plan as approved by the Idaho Transportation Board in July 2004 and remains fiscally constrained.

Sincerely,

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